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As a below named inventors, We hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title of Invention

FATTY ACID ELONGASE (FAE) GENES AND THEIR UTILITY IN INCREASING ERUCIC ACID AND OTHER VERY LONG-CHAIN FATTY ACID PROPORTIONS IN SEED OIL

the specification of which was filed on May 25, 2006 as United States Patent Application Number 10/596,024.

We hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(s)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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